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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3435

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON

COMNAVTELCOM WASHDC

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN

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NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA

NAVCOMMSTA NEA MAKRI

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0594

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, ET

SUBJECT: "CISCO TWO" - PUBLICITY ON ABDUCTION

1. KNOWLEDGE OF ABDUCTION TWO U.S. CITIZENS IN ASMARA APPEARS
WIDESPREAD IN TOWN. ONE LOCAL EMPLOYEE TOLD ME HE HEARD OF
EVENT BY 1700 HRS YESTERDAY, JULY 14. I HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD THAT
OTHER FOREIGN CONSULAR OFFICIALS IN ASMARA AWARE OF ABDUCTION.

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2. PRESS HERE, WHICH CONSISTS OF GOVERNMENT OWNED NEWSPAPERS

PUBLISHING IN ITALIAN, AMHARIC, AND ARABIC, HAS NOT YET CARRIED ANY STORIES, NOR HAS RADIO ASMARA, WHICH BROADCASTS IN AMHARIC, ARABIC, AND TIGRINYA, CARRIED ANY ACCOUNTS. AS NEITHER I, NOT OTHER CONGEN OFFICIALS, HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER OUTSIDE OFFICIAL CHANNELS, NOR TO BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE HAVE NAVCOMMUNIT OR CISCO PERSONNEL, ASSUME ETHIOPIAN CISCO EMPLOYEES AND ETHIOPIAN MILITARY AND POLICE HAVE SPREAD WORD.

3. WE SHOULD ASSUME ADDIS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES NOW KNOW OF INCIDENT, AS TELEPHONES NORMALLY BUSY BETWEEN ASMARA AND ADDIS, AND WILL SOON BE FILING STORIES.
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